Suspensions of Sitarampur Railway siding (Eastern Railway)

2180. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Railway have suspended the Sitarampur Railway siding (Eastern Railway, Asansol Division);

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this suspension is still continuing;

(d) whether it has adversely affected and is affecting the industries which were served by it;

(e) whether M/s. National Refractories is one such adversely affected industry;

(f) whether the authorities propose to review the suspension and remove it; and

(g) if so, by when it is likely to be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Sitarampur station, along with Salanpur Siding, has been closed for goods booking since 6th March, 1987, on the basis of a work study report. The closure has affected M/s. National Refractories. The traffic of this firm, which is quite meagre, can be dealt with at a nearby railway station, Roopnarayanpur.

(f) There is no proposal to reopen this siding for goods booking.

(g) Does not arise.

Construction of buildings in J.N.U.

2181. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atention has been drawn to a write up in the Evening News of 13th February, 1988 wherein it is alleged that the administration of Jawaharlal Nerru University is in its hurry to construct buildings destroying precious rocks and sites of archaeological significance; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to preserve the environment as well as sites of historical significance in the precincts of University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, there are no precious rocks and sites of archaeological significance on the campus.

(b) Does not arise.

Hatia-Kharagpur Fast Passenger Train

2182. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to extend the Hatia-Kharagpur fast passenger train upto Howrah in view of the increasing number of passengers; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Adequate connecting trains including EMU services are available between Kharagpur and Howrah.

Stoppage of Neelachal Express at Garbeta

2183. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for providing stoppage of Neelachal Express at Garbeta in view of the pressing public demand; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?